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# HOWTO: Install an Excel Add-In (XLA or XLL) with Automation

### Applies To

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### SUMMARY

This article illustrates how to install an Excel Add-in (xla or xll) with Automation.

### MORE INFORMATION

The following code demonstrates how to use Automation to:

- Add a new workbook.
- Call the **Add** method of the **AddIns** collection to add the new add-in to the list of add-ins in Excel Add-In Manager.
- Set the **Install** property of the **AddIn** object to **True** (equivalent to selecting the add-in in the Add-in Manager).

```
Dim oXL As Object, oAddin As Object
Set oXL = CreateObject("Excel.Application")
oXL.Workbooks.Add
Set oAddin = oXL.AddIns.Add("C:\test.xla", True)
oAddin.Installed = True
oXL.Quit
Set oXL = Nothing
```

Note that a workbook is added prior to calling the **Add** method in this example. The Add-in Manager in Excel is not available unless there is at least one visible workbook open. Without this line of code, you receive one of the following error messages:

Run-time error '1004':  
Unable to get the Add property of the AddIns class

-or-

Run-time error '1004':  
Add method of addins class failed.

### REFERENCES

For additional information, click the article numbers below to view the articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

- [108888](#) XL: Add-Ins Don't Load When Using CreateObject
- [161439](#) XL97: How to Remove Entries from Add-Ins Dialog Box
- [211956](#) XL2000: Cannot Delete Entries from Add-Ins Dialog Box

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### The information in this article applies to:

- Microsoft Office Excel 2003
- Microsoft Excel 2002
- Microsoft Excel 2000
- Microsoft Excel 97 for Windows
- Microsoft Visual Basic Professional Edition for Windows 6.0
- Microsoft Visual Basic Enterprise Edition for Windows 6.0

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